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### TRANSLATOR'S DEFENCE,

OR

## THE MAN OF NATURE,

A NOVEL,

FROM THE

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GERMAN OF MILTENBERG,

AGAIN REVIEWED.

" \_\_\_\_\_ juvat ire jugis," &c. &c. (quod respice).

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#### BRITISH CRITIC.

"WE have often observed that few, very few in-"deed, of the translations from the German, seem, in "our judgment, at all likely to benefit the cause of "morality, or to form any defirable addition to the "literature of our country. The present publication " is marked by the greatest extravagance and improba-"bility, and is, in many places, highly offensive to de-"licacy. Yet we will not pretend to deny the author "the praise of considerable ingenuity, and of a variety " of well-contrived incidents. This commendation "however is confined to the original author; the "translation is very exceptionable. Mr. Wennington "is probably a foreigner, and this circumstance along " can excuse innumerable errors in style and phraseo-"logy. Various words occur, which our language "difowns, and which are too frequent for specifica-"tion. Why the work was translated we can hardly "imagine, unless it were by way of exercise to an in-" dividual defirous of becoming an adept in the Ger-" man language, and in our own." COM-

#### COMMERCIAL AND AGRICULTURAL REVIEW.

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"IF ever a fair female reader, in the families of our rural friends, shall deign to glance upon these pages; we shall beg leave to inform her, that of all the novels we have lately perused, the MAN of NATURE is one of the most innocent and the most pleasing; that of all our late translations from the German, it is, perhaps the best; and that though Mr. Wennington might have spared his notes, and some occasional affectations of style, --he deserves our best thanks both for selecting this volume for translation, and for executing his task so well."

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#### WEEKLY REVIEW; OR, LITERARY JOURNAL.

"VERY pompoully has this German novel been an"nounced to the public, while translating. It ap"pears, at length, printed on a most excellent paper,
with a tolerable type, and delicately hot-pressed.

These are charms of no little value, to those who
purchase books without any inclination to read
them; and to such alone can we conscientiously
recommend the present performance. We say this
with the less reluctance, as a respectable list of subferibers may possibly have reimbursed the Translator; who, certainly, whatever may be his knowledge of the German language, is but little qualified
to write English. It is time to speak plain \*; for

<sup>\*</sup> Our critick intended to have written plainly, and to have inferted plain amongst the vulgarisms at the end of his strictures, by way of partnership. T.

"this gentleman informs us, at the end of his work, "that he is ' preparing for the prefs, and for speedy " publication, Minor Poems and Essays." If this "be true, and he is \* not incorrigible, we advise him " to apply instantly for assistance to some of the many "hundred t ingenious men who may be found fuffi-"ciently at leifure to afford him what he fo much "needs on reasonable terms. We have not the " smallest knowledge of Mr. Wennington; but in-"cline to think, if he be, in reality, a native of this "country, he is a very young man, of some reading, "who has been too much abroad to have duly culti-"vated his mother-tongue. Affectation, vulgarity, " gross error, and total want of taste, are every where "discernible: yet, amidst the confusion which these " create, may be discerned some gleams of good sense "beyond what might be suspected by a superficial "observer; and manifesting, perhaps, in some degree, "the gleams t even of genius, labouring for ex-" pression. This is a state on which we cannot bring " our minds to look with indifference. We shall, "therefore, add no more pangs to a man §, probably, " of much feeling; who has had an irregular or im-" perfect education; and been induced, unadvifedly, " too foon to commit his writings to the prefs.

\* [be] Remember it is the author who speaks, and not his character: the language of an author ought, always, to be correct: that of his characters may, very frequently, be otherwise, and as far as he is concerned, adviseably so, because natural. T.

† Hundreds of ingenious men. T.

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"accountable as it may appear,' was purchased at a bookseller's shop, 'the proprietor whereof, a poor devil, possessed, for his sum total in trade, a single book.' Though the name of Miltenberg appears in the title-page, the work is supposed by fome to be a production of Aug. La Fontaine. The original, viewed through the disadvantages of such a translation as we have described, is by no means destitute of imagination; and worse novels have certainly been translated, and sometimes admired. The author is in the school of Rousseau\*, but not of the highest class.

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"Lord Hillnet, an English nobleman, disgusted with the world, by false friendship, female insidelity, and the ingratitude of courts, secludes himself from fociety, and brings up his son William as a Pupil of Nature. The wild ideas of this young man; and his amours, terminated by his union with a Child of Nature, the daughter of an oriental recluse, whom he brings, with her parents to England; form the fubject matter of this novel. The first interview of the children of nature will afford a favourable specimen of the work; in which we need not point out, to any intelligent reader, the impersections of the Translator."

would this gentleman put upon a par with der Natur Mensch the Nouvelle Heloïse of their great prototype himself? T. He,

<sup>\*</sup> The students who once rallied upon the forms of Rousseau's school, appear to be better known to this gentleman than to the Translator: perhaps, amongst them, may have been some to whom Miltenberg might stoop; but, as Dibdin has observed, speaking of Honour,

<sup>&</sup>quot;I only fay I couldn't find it!"

He, next, quotes from page 378. l. 5. bottom, to the end of Section XLI, and, then, proceeds:

"As the above very favourable extract, notwith-"standing it's imperfections, might not seem to war-

" rant fufficiently what we have remarked as to vul-

" garity, &c. we must, with all our tenderness for the

" translator, remember what is due to the public and

"ourselves. We shall, therefore, conclude with a

" few indifputable inftances, felected at random."

"He loved Fanny better than all the world; and the fa"ther's objections, whether to the filliness of her dress, her
"apple-pye behaviour," &c.

" Fat chops wrapt his night-gown closely about him," &c.

"The officer fcowled away, growling in the gizzard."

"He jabbered a parcel of confused stuff"

" My dearest Fanny, let us make of them a fet of worthy "Englanders."

"The parson's wig twittered with amazement, at seeing such "a troop of folks galloping biggledy-piggledy."

"Should this gentleman perfift in bringing out his proposed work, we hope he will appear to more adwantage as an original writer than he does as a translator."

It This publication, by whose ingenuity the Translator has been so copiously honoured, he understands extended to three numbers only, yielding, too soon, alas, to the inexorable sheers! he may therefore consider as a fortunate circumstance to have stepped in, precisely, in the nick of time.

#### NEW LONDON REVIEW.

It is to the Editor bereof I have confined the principal of these observations; for, of the rest, it is probable they will no further interest the reader than in provoking a smile at their contrastedness; a sneer at licentious effrontery, or at an excess of adulation, uncourted, and unwished. T.

"THE author of this curious and interesting novel " is, as the translator justly observes, a genius of no " ordinary class. He appears to have carefully studied "the primary affections of the heart, unmixed with "the refinements of polished society, and unpolluted "by the corruptions of worldly depravity. But, how-" ever accurate his conception of natural feeling may "have been, it remained for him to make human "action strictly conformable to that conception. A "more arduous task could not well be imagined, and "the 'Man of Nature' is the refult of his labours. "Lord Hilnett, the father of the hero of the novel, " had been betrayed by the friend whom he raifed to "honour and opulence, and groffly injured by a bro-"ther for whom he entertained the purest affection. "Difgusted with the world, he refigned his employ-" ments at court, and retired to his paternal estate to "enjoy, in the company of his wife, a beautiful "woman, that peace of mind which he could no "longer find in fociety. The offspring of their union "was William; but while his Lordship indulged in "the rapturous conviction of a felicity at once mutual " and

"and complete, he is abandoned by his wife, who elopes with an adventurer, and attempts to blaft her husband's character by tales of the foulest flander.

"Lord Hilnett becomes a confirmed misanthropist, and determines to seclude himself from mankind. He accordingly retires to a solitary vale on his estate, accompanied by one saithful servant, and resolves, by a new mode of living and education, to make his fon William, then an infant three years old, a man of nature. The conduct of the sather and son in this sequestered retreat, and the adventures of William after his escape from it until his marriage, which are various and striking, employ the talents of the author in exemplifying his savourite object of contrasting the general manners of social life with the pure essuions of nature.

"The plot, fanciful as it is, affords abundant matter for deep refearch into the nature of the human mind, and leads to an extensive field of moral speculation. The reader is left at full liberty to deduce inferences from the various combinations of ideas which are introduced in the work, and it might be hazardous in us to anticipate what belongs more to long and ferious contemplation than to concide remark. The incidents are lively and varied. They are, indeed, cocasionally brought forward with a boldness that laughs to scorn' the creeping and common-place formalities of ordinary life. Yet, with all their defects in point of regularity, probability, and connection, we feel no hesitation in preferring them to

"the modern falmagundi of spectres, necromancers,

" and prodigies, and the ridiculous tales of knight-

" errantry and Gothic barbarism, that were in repute

" only when learning was despised and the arts were

" oppressed and banished.

"The author has certainly exerted his talents with fuccess in giving a finished picture of William Hillnett; but the necessary relation that should exist between him and the other characters has not been fusficiently attended to. The chief merit of the novel consists both in the description and imitation of genuine passion; but the description is often

"languid, while the imitation is pure and animated.

"We cannot fuffer the liberties, which the translator

"has affumed in the execution of his task, to pass

"without our most unqualified reprobation. He tells

"us that the language of the German writer is

"glaringly bounded,' and that he has, therefore,

"been obliged to hazard a variety of new, obsolete,

"and provincial modes of diction, to adorn the

"production with a diversity of style. We readily

"admit, that, without a judicious diversity of lan
"guage, the most interesting story must, in a great

"measure, become dull and spiritless. But the co
"piousness\* of the English language, in its purest state,

\* This is taking for granted what I strenuously contest; what I have already, by examples, (but in an essay at present unpublished) contested, and the contrary whereof I hope to demonstrate, that both the English language, and most other languages, are not sufficiently copious; and that, to defect in copiousness, exclusively of many other points, much of that ambiguity in sense, discernible in the very best writers, is owing. T.

would certainly have been adequate to the under-" taking. To introduce new terms without the " fanction of a great authority in the republic of let-"ters, is a prefumptuous innovation and a dangerous "precedent; to revive obfolete words, tends to the "destruction of that true taste in composition which " was established by the discontinuance of them; and "to adopt provincial modes of diction, must, by " preferring particulars to generals, produce obscurity " and confusion. Translation is of itself attended with " fo many bad confequences, that no apology can be "offered for Mr. Winnington's conduct in the in-" ftances to which we have alluded. Our greatest " philologist has justly observed, that 'no book was " ever turned from one language into another with-"out imparting fomething of its native idiom;" " and if to this unavoidable evil we add new, obfolete, " and provincial modes of diction, the whole fabric " of the language may be ultimately overturned by " fuch exceffive liberties.

"Notwithstanding these abuses, which appear to have been hazarded by Mr. Winnington as so many experiments, the general merits of the translation are considerable.

"His notes are remarkable for the freedom with which the faults of his author are pointed out and cenfured; but we are not always inclined to agree with him in the feverity of his observations.

"The work is elegantly printed; and a few copies, independently of those subscribed for, we are informed by a note of the translator, may be had of Messrs. Robinson, Cadell and Davies, Stockdale, and Bowyer."

#### MONTHLY MIRROR.

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"THAT a perusal of this work, in the original German, should have induced Mr. Wennington to render it into English, is by no means matter of assonishment, for we have seldom met with a more singularly
interesting production.

"The father of William, (the hero) having experi-" enced unkindness from a friend, whom he had raised " from advertity to honour, feeludes himself from fo-"ciety, to enjoy the comforts of domestic bliss in the " bosom of his wife. William is their offspring, and, " when the father is flattered, with the fond hope of " mutual blifs, in the comforts of a fon, the wife elopes "with another, and attempts, by every artifice of de-" traction, to blaft her hufband's fair fame for even. "With a mind worn down by the ingratitude of his " wife, he quits his abode for a more fequestered spot, " accompanied by his fon, and a fervant in whom he " can confide; and he refolves to educate William a " MAN OF NATURE, who was at that time but three " years old. The object of the author is evidently to " establish the superiority of man, educated in a state of " natural fociety, to that which he receives in a life of " polish and refinement. The incidents are very inter-The character of William is delineated very "powerfully indeed; and his adventures, from the " moment of his retreat with his father, until his mar-" riage with an amiable woman, are fingular and " affecting.

"The translator has a strong claim upon our thanks

"for this production, and if his notes now and then

"exhibit pedantry and affectation, it would be unkind,

"upon the whole, to withhold from him our decided

"approbation."

\* As the letter which follows, may, in some measure, be faid to usber forwards the subject, I have judged proper to give it insertion:

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" SIR, Justine 195 an on Nov. 8, 1799.

"A few weeks ago I did myfelf the "honour of fending you a fmall publication from the "German, and I beg leave, through your means, to " express my thanks to the Criticifers in the New Lon-" don Review for the notice they have taken of it. In " their strictures upon the Author, Miltenberg, they "have my unqualified concurrence, and, indeed, I " fcarcely think it possible, in the same compass of "words, to have met my ideas better. With respect "to particular phrases in the translation, I well remark "the excessive censure they have received, though "not from all, yet, from various quarters; but am "forry to fay that my fentiments, after confidera-"tion not only fevere but inceffant, continue entirely "heretical. Time, Sir, which fosters, which matures: " which has often framped with legitimacy the deferted "child of adventure: which has, fooner or later, " operated as the test of truth or of prejudices, of what " is natural or what is affected: will determine upon " our pretentions, and I am,

"With much respect, &c.

"THE TRANSLATOR."

### PROEM.

It was not, originally, my intention to have troubled the Publick with any defence of this book, believing it, if not in the present moment (when resection might be operose, unwelcome, or prematurely urged) yet, in one at no great distance, sufficiently able to work out its salvation. I had, besides, pledged myself, from a persuasion that labours, howsover cautiously attended to, are seldom or never free from abundant error, to sustain the corrective hand without murmuring. I repeat the promise, but I, at the same time, desire to infinuate, that correction is not massacre; and that I look upon myself as absolved from obedience, when is proposed to be substituted a punishment wholly transcending the crime; the axe of the Listor, for the twigs.

The laws of criticism, similarly with other laws, may be considered as essential blessings, when directed by extensive minds, or as detestable evils, when under the actuation of the shallow or the malevolent speculatist.

With the many, and the different, views of flattering the idle, of amufing the bufy, and enlightening

It is scarcely three months since the first appearance of this novel, yet, already, I have had occasion to observe several of its peculiarities in idiom adopted, and by writers of not the meanest order.

<sup>&</sup>quot; - quod, optanti, divûm promittere nemo

<sup>&</sup>quot; Auderet, volvenda dies, en, attulit, ultro!"

the uninstructed, the beauties, as they are stiled, of Authors, have been dragged from their respective works, and exhibited as a concentrating focus of whatsoever is luminous or whatsoever is ardent. That these beauties, indeed, have principally been chosen from Authors who no longer exist, is indisputable; and, had they been entirely so, the present attempt, wherein presumption, not unmixed perhaps with a few streaks of resentment, has no doubt its share, would certainly have been suppressed.

It is, however, time to set about an enquiry whether the contemptuous strictures of certain persons arrogating to themselves the title of Reviewers, be sounded in wisdom or in justice, or be the offspring of low malignity and of confirmed ignorance. Under this impression, and for the advantage both of the present and suture generations with whom, probably, the inconvenience of daring to think, or daring to fiel, might be increased by the lecture of such criticisms, the passages now pointed out are submitted; and, as the gauntlet is thrown, fearless, down, it is demanded that a selection be given, individually, of an equal number of sentences in an equal extent of pages, that, in competition, shall obscure, or even greatly excel.

I wish not to be misunderstood: vanity is, I confess, a foolish quality, anger a pernicious one: there are, of these, notwithstanding, shades; and both of them are, I fear, more frequent inmates than will at sirst be acknowledged; they will, moreover, with the judicious, be constantly apportioned by the quantities of the aggression, and by the principles of the aggression.

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To undermine a rooted prejudice is an arduous undertaking; to make a fingle profelyte, by no means exempt from difficulty: fmall is the number of readers of novels, I imagine, who have looked for much beyond an eafy entertainment, in them, or, if any species of knowledge, that only which is termed a knowledge of men and manners; yet, I would gladly think, that something more is within the sphere of capability: whether, in my sequestered endeavours, I have been fortunate enough to have proved this, I may, indeed, have wished, but wishes are not, invariably, the harbingers of success, and determination is the undoubted province of another.

The book having stimulated curiosity, arouzed unbelief, or enforced conviction, each perhaps in turn, contrariety of sentiment has been the reasonable result, and it has been judged adviseable to exhibit, in the language of the writers themselves, the bearing-places upon which, with the analogy of keystones to an arch, their various opinions have rested.

Language is good, or is bad, in proportion to its effects: the grovelling and the elevated, therefore, being merely comparative, are of equal use, provided their respective introductions be of equal propriety: no writer of judgment ever yet attempted to engraft the strains of epick on those of a last dying speech, or of a moving copy of a letter; nor ever yet characterized a good natured Punch, or an ill natured Critick, in those of Thomson's Hymn, or of Milton's Lycidas,

We must, I believe, admit, that the ear, jointly with its sister organs of sensation, is sometimes alarmed

upon grounds it ought not to be: we listen with complacency to the expression "let it remain," while that of "fuffer it remain" would startle: we would, by no suggestion, approve "let it to remain\*," although "fuffer it to remain" depend upon a construction of precise assinity: but a period may arrive when these, like other bugbears, shall retire; and no vestige excepting that, be left, arising from the assonishment they were once terrisick.

Again: is not a somewhat of pleonasm distinguishable in the following, or similar, sentences—"to direct him to persue—to persuade him to leave—to request her to relent?"—Is there a word equivalent, in all its effects, to discerptible? or will you tell me that separable is?—If the exemplification of these, or the like, be, as I suppose, what the Criticks have thought sit to banquet upon under the names gross errour, affectedness, and the rest,—may I not, in charity, be permitted to say, with him the pattern of every charity, "Forgive them, Father, they know not what they do!"

It is contended, in another place, that, of certain words, derivatives from the French, the meanings cannot be conveyed in our language with the fame force in the same compass; the clearest mode, therefore, is to anglicise such words: but I will go further, by afferting that in every language are particular words which can with difficulty, if at all, be rendered in another with precision. I will give one instance in the word naïvesé, which I desy the scholar to surnish a definition

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<sup>•</sup> In the sense here advanced:

of, that shall be satisfactory; its meaning, nevertheless, is felt by every person who knows French; but even the simplex mundities of Horace, assuredly the most

approaching to it, is not exact.

A Critick, whose discerning mind is tolerably apparent, speaking of Miltenberg, has paid him a striking and just tribute of distinction; but I would candidly ask him whether, when he says that "by the intro-"duction of new, obsolete, or provincial words" upon certain occasions, the fabrick of a language is in danger, if we confider that it is intended to introduce, only, not to expunge, - that introductions are meant to instil in a compacter manner what is judged deficient in force; or, in a more varied way, what is deemed vapid through repetition?-Neither am I difposed to agree with him that the whole of the words denominated obfolete have become so by the fludied adoptions of a purer stile: numbers, I am persuaded, are indebted for that neglect to fimple cafualty; and, in regard to provincials, mindful that

" --- Sound should feem an echo to the fense,"

I doubt not, among those who have verged beyond St. Paul's or Merchant Taylors' schools, they will shift well enough for themselves.

One fentiment, to be fure, is of fo depraved a complexion, that, with a Criticifer whom in feveral respects I apprehend to be well qualified for his task, I am amazed it could ever have found an harbour. It is the one wherein he conceives it arrogant to hazard a literary improvement without the sanction of an bigb authority.

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thority in the republick of letters. To collect the emanations from an eclipse we avail ourselves of a smokened lens; but do we use an apparatus of the same kind, with those from the meridian sun? Is Nature, then, become an huckster, sitted only to deal her wares out like ha'p'worths of gingerbread? Is truth to be inhaled alone thorough the atmosphere of an extraordinary gazette?

True it is that Grammar is in the mouths of many, but, according to appearances, in the brains of few \*: it would be well these literary marmosets were told that Doctor Lowth is the only standard of English Grammar whom Englishmen have yet recognized; and that, (with every deference to the amiable author of Hermes,) Doctors Blair, and Oldys, elevatedly as they have chosen to plant themselves in the chair of wisdom, deferve borseing, and the birch.

It will be granted that the preparatory mode of proving the incapacity of another, is by instanceing a freedom from it in yourself: when a writer seriously tells you the English language disowns, what, from its never baving tried, it never could have had the opportunity of disowning, he betrays bis own to be the foreign cha-

<sup>\*</sup> The story of the Barber's block, and the finished statue, need not, I believe, he here repeated: I am far from conceiving it indispensable that a Censurer ought, himself, to exhibit something superiour to what he censures; all I maintain is, that he should know what he's about, or that, in the phrase of the Theatrical Lawgiver, while busied in the chokeing of singing birds, he should be heedful his reverend neck receive not an unforeseen twist. T.

racter he is willing gratuitously to alienate, and merits not an bospitality he has been so industrious to outrage.

Against the charge of indelicacy, (what scorn too animated, what abhorrence too consummate, for the insidious calumniator! but happily) little need be said: no example, it is considently affirmed, can be produced of real indelicacy throughout the work; and, relatively to the artiscial, it neither came within the scope of the Author's plan, nor asked the Translator's abscission. T.

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\*\* LEST, by those in whose unsolicited bostility the motives of this defence are to be traced, it should be surmised, that, "dubious if any but one could be "found to undertake the selection" here presented, "I had, kindly, imposed that trouble upon myself," I request to be beforehand with them in the remark, and to bid them

#### A FAREWELL.

Upon my return to my native country, after an abfence in which perfuits commercial and literary may be faid to have participated, I was informed that a translation from St. Pierre had been lately published there, containing a story allied in most respects to the little digressive one of the Paria in my own volume, and which, upon inspection, I found had been the case.

I am not, as yet, qualified to afcertain on whom the plagiarism is really chargeable, but it is in no great degree material, for, admitting it to be my author's, I am of opinion his fame, in place of suffering diminution, will receive a no inferior portion of aggrandizement.

Far be it from me to commit a trespass upon the studies of any man, particularly on those of a writer whose Paul et Virginie I had, myself, translated, some years ago, while in Paris; but, sinding, on my arrival at home, the translation to have been anticipated, I resigned it to the shelf, and to the cobwebs.

To those, however, who are desirous of observing in what manner sentiments and language may be improved, weakened, or diversified, it may be necessary to fay that the Indian Cottage\* is the book I mean, and its pages 44 to 111 those referred to. I embrace with pleasure an enterprize so favourably put within my power of giving what, I hope, after the insulting treatment my own production has, here and there, met with, may be considered a trisling retaliation only, the death-blow to such folly, and to such infanity. T.

\* Printed for Meffrs. Vernor and Hood, 1799.



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